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Dear Allen:

Many thanks for the material on Tito and Mihailovich which I shall read with great interest. Although I have been aware of the controversy, I did not fully understand its bitter complications until I visited Yugoslavia this winter. You have provided all the necessary material with which to do my homework, and I am grateful.

I thought the President's speech on foreign aid was excellent. I only wish it had come earlier.

I am afraid that the Administration will continue to face grave difficulties in the administration of foreign policy until it takes the essential steps which are needed to create the kind of general atmosphere and particularly the Executive-Congress relationships which existed in Washington in 1945 to 1948.

Some of my Republican friends point out that with the development of such relationships Knowland and Bridges, etc. would be driven into violent opposition in the process. Yet how can they be more clearly in opposition than they are now?

If the situation continues to drift, foreign policy will become a major issue in the campaigns of 1958 and 1960. This will be tragic but it will also be inevitable.

With my warmest regards.

Sincerely,

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